

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - SEPTEMBER, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 31st March, 1962 - Metropolitan: 31.12.1961
Males - 382,233 Females - 367,813 Persons - 750,046 Persons - 425,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	AUGUST				Eight Months ended AUGUST			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	403	6.27	363	5.78	3,580	7.16	3,415	6.98
Births	1,518	23.63	1,468	23.39	11,543	23.07	11,582	23.66
Deaths	664	10.33	577	9.19	4,003	8.00	3,842	7.85
Infant Mortality(b)	39	25.69	32	21.80	260	22.52	220	18.99

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
Oversea	£'000 4,460	£'000 3,508	£'000 8,888	£'000 7,756	£'000 9,277	£'000 11,757	£'000 20,532	£'000 21,458
Interstate	11,142	9,002	19,930	15,817	2,911	2,998	7,190	5,500
Total:	15,602	12,510	28,818	23,573	12,188	14,755	27,722	26,958

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	169,134	68,129	984,779	569,017
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	222,232	1,076,346	15,983,013	6,605,347

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	5,338,286	5,815,259	16,941,498	17,329,684
Revenue per Head of Population	7.0	7.9	22.4	23.4
Expenditure	5,818,904	5,995,488	18,445,115	18,141,018
Expenditure per Head of Population	7.7	8.1	24.4	24.5

SAVINGS BANKS

Amounts due to Depositors	At the end of SEPTEMBER		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total	95,233,929	84,672,680	80,998,762
Per Head of Population	125.5	114.2	111.6

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings (£ million)											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1960	21.4	22.0	22.3	19.4	22.3	21.7	21.7	21.7	22.7	23.8	24.0	25.5
1961	25.5	22.7	23.4	23.5	24.0	21.6	23.1	21.6	23.2	24.6	23.8	26.9
1962	25.9	26.5	26.4	24.8	25.9	24.1	26.3	24.6	24.8	-	-	-

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	1,921	1,620	6,328	5,067
	£.	4,116,455	3,081,064	14,124,637	9,351,621
Mortgages	No.	1,412	1,392	4,748	4,068
	£.	3,186,824	3,099,443	11,596,289	8,690,822
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,066	993	3,725	3,117

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	12,615	11,007	43,013	34,341
Net Taxable Sales	4,964	4,544	16,106	13,830
Tax Collected	693	700	2,196	2,152

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	81	26	170	103
Nominal Capital	£.	10,886,000	938,000	18,390,000	5,447,000
Foreign	No.	24	16	56	44

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	52	86,959	10,655	43	71,798	18,732
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	26	86,054	77,057	25	104,074	77,392

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways (including the Railway Road Service)

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings	£ 1,258,400	1,542,000	2,685,500	3,012,500
Operating Expenses	£ 1,421,232	1,429,111	2,740,341	2,746,781
Train Miles Run	642,687	713,617	1,272,813	1,381,413
Motor Bus Miles	116,620	105,039	174,650	160,262
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	949,776	923,375	1,915,153	1,944,836
Motor Bus	(a) 26,268	(b) 23,543	(c) 46,911	(d) 42,649
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	335,945	460,721	734,828	913,968
Free (Departmental)	56,673	54,658	109,879	97,291
Livestock	10,623	11,130	19,274	20,266
Total:	403,241	526,509	863,981	1,031,525
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	51,205,953	69,510,055	116,165,180	138,820,988
Free (Departmental)	5,733,710	5,980,703	11,497,814	10,908,030
Livestock	1,623,629	1,491,347	2,892,527	3,019,781
Total:	58,563,292	76,982,105	130,555,521	152,748,799

(a) 4 weeks ended 11th August

(c) Period 1st July to 11th August

(b) 4 weeks ended 12th August

(d) Period 1st July to 12th August

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity	Fine oz.	75,209	78,181	563,078	562,026
Value (Aust. Currency)	£	1,175,140	1,221,582	8,798,100	8,781,655
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£	150,000	150,000	1,162,226	1,254,026

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
1961 -										
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
1962 -										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92
March	848	237	271	3	68	1,208	389	577	8	94
April	737	182	205	4	40	1,122	300	456	8	64
May	980	295	281	6	68	1,354	418	552	13	87
June	1,173	274	282	3	41	1,669	447	538	8	71
July	778	250	238	6	42	1,206	386	529	8	62
August	1,131	329	214	5	37	1,709	475	457	7	54

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
1962 -								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096
March	95,316	27,363	575	8,443	146,507	72,227	1,272	12,164
April	96,419	27,495	582	8,440	147,078	71,880	1,272	11,954
May	97,079	27,502	585	8,369	149,071	72,848	1,284	12,041
June	97,977	27,490	585	8,285	151,013	73,454	1,294	12,052
July	100,562	27,996	594	8,244	150,433	71,627	1,290	11,588
August	101,532	27,960	599	8,152	152,559	71,950	1,286	11,480

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations		
	Private	Govt.	Total		Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067
1961:										
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373
1962:										
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545
April	388	106	494	1,595	630	267	897	2,154	598	2,752
May	499	104	603	1,935	487	760	1,247	2,427	1,158	3,585
June	405	81	486	1,638	577	962	1,539	2,201	1,250	3,451
July	500	116	616	1,985	1,035	1,021	2,056	2,952	1,407	4,359
August	444	148	592	2,060	794	515	1,309	2,838	941	3,779
September	458	125	583	1,904	475	462	937	2,347	825	3,172

BUILDING OPERATIONS

The figures in the following two tables cover the operations of all builders who accept contracts for the construction of new buildings, "day-labour" building by Government Agencies and the activities of "Owner-Builders".

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings (a)				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
1962 -										
March Qr.	278	778	1,117	3,717	29	217	230	2,977	1,654	7,689
June Qr.	247	743	1,451	5,201	26	263	228	3,807	1,952	10,014

(a) Includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Material of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
1962 -										
March Qr.	984	3,367	9	20	324	850	3	4	1,320	4,241
June Qr.	1,244	4,291	59	314	324	947	4	8	1,631	5,561

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June						
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
1962	123.5	111.7	146.4	107.3	125.3	121.6
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5
June	124.2	111.5	147.8	107.2	124.9	121.8
September	124.7	111.7	148.8	107.2	124.8	122.1

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry. Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961 (cont.):</u>			
September	143.4	50.2	193.6	September	143.6	50.1	193.7
October	143.3	50.4	193.7	October	143.0	50.4	193.4
November	143.9	50.7	194.6	November	143.9	51.0	194.9
December	143.8	51.2	195.0	December	143.5	50.7	194.2
<u>1961:</u>				<u>1962:</u>			
January	142.8	50.0	192.8	January	144.3	50.5	194.8
February	143.1	50.4	193.5	February	145.0	51.0	196.0
March	143.1	50.7	193.8	March	146.3	52.1	198.4
April	143.3	50.8	194.1	April	145.6	52.0	197.6
May	142.8	50.6	193.4	May	146.4	52.1	198.5
June	142.2	49.9	192.1	June	146.5	51.9	198.4
July	142.0	49.9	191.9	July	146.5	51.9	198.4
August	142.9	49.9	192.8	August	146.5	51.9	198.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	242	244
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	246
March	240	236	234	233	238	241	247
April	239	234	233	233	237	241	245
May	238	234	230	232	238	239	247
June	235	231	228	229	237	236	246
July	231	229	229	231	239	234	247
August	230	229	229	232	240	237	247
September	233	232	230	233	243	240	
October	233	232	232	234	242	241	
November	233	233	231	235	244	242	
December	232	232	231	235	243	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1961 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
30/10/61	14. 18. 9	11. 4. 1	14. 17. 3	11. 2. 11	14. 11. 6	10. 18. 8			

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
August, 1962	28,327	2,377	130,818	60,821	24,321
1961	23,489	1,347	110,870	99,327	19,509
2 Months ended August, 1962	55,929	4,504	247,680	107,506	47,174
1961	46,289	2,585	222,837	159,420	41,510

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
August, 1962	5,657	111	2,443	761	1,177
1961	5,110	62	2,175	1,393	1,036
2 Months ended August, 1962	11,349	205	4,597	1,321	2,314
1961	10,225	119	4,383	2,220	2,224

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
7 Months ended July, 1961	2,407	3,487	1,391	2,033	3,798	5,520	50	99	1,788	2,719
1962	2,559	3,694	1,458	2,097	4,017	5,791	53	117	1,899	2,861
1962 -										
January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	396
February	340	472	220	304	560	776	6	12	276	399
March	347	503	223	324	570	827	9	17	285	424
April	364	515	169	268	533	783	8	20	225	396
May	392	585	216	303	608	888	9	17	275	403
June	352	510	216	297	568	807	9	16	272	397
July	426	604	227	309	653	913	6	9	327	446

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less; from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961				1962								
		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1	19. 2	15. 0	10. 4	10. 5	8. 1	9. 8
Oranges - Navel	bush.	39. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	47. 1	36. 0	22. 2	27.11	31.11	35. 2
- Val.	bush.	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11	43. 5	30. 9	-	-	-	23.10
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9	10	11	11	1. 2	1. 1	1. 1	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6	25.10	26. 0	28. 5	32. 5	30.11	49. 9
- Other	bush.	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2	33. 7	34. 0	37. 8	48. 2	54.10	62. 3
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	30. 0	20. 9	19. 4	19. 0	20. 2	25. 6	22. 4	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush	-	-	-	29. 4	30. 2	29.10	34.11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	Open flat cases	-	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	22. 2	27. 0	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4	6. 6	4.11	5.11	14. 2	10. 2	12. 0
Cauliflowers	dozen	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8	9. 0	16. 0	24. 1	24. 1	9. 2	10. 5
Lettuce	crate	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7	7. 1	7.10	9. 9	20. 5	12.10	8. 5
Table Celery	doz. head	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0	8. 0	4. 6	4. 7	7. 2	9. 0	5. 9
Beetroot	cwt.	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3	28. 5	23. 5	23. 3	33. 6	31. 9	39.10
Carrots	cwt.	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0	40. 9	30. 1	23. 6	19.10	20. 7	26. 0
Parsnips	cwt.	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5	67. 6	66. 1	63. 8	47. 8	40. 9	35. 0
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3	5. 3	6. 3	8. 7	17. 3	7. 6	4.10
Swedes	cwt.	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4	31. 9	34. 7	42. 0	35. 9	28. 6	24. 0
Runner Beans	lb.	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	8	9	1. 0	1. 2	1. 2	1. 5	1. 3
Peas	lb.	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9	1. 1	1. 4	1. 8	1. 7	1. 1	10
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	6	6	5	7	9	7	5	5	4	4	5	5	6
Pumpkin	bag	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11	23.11	20. 4	20. 2	21.10	19. 2	21.11
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9	11. 8	10. 1	25.11	33. 1	27. 8	21. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	50. 0.0	40. 0.0
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961				1962									
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
SHEEP														
Suckers	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	-	4.16. 5	5. 1. 8	3.17. 1	3. 2. 9	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.15. 3	4.16. 0	5.12. 8	5. 9. 0	3.19. 7	-	
Shorn	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3	3.17. 5	4. 0. 6	4.10. 8	4. 4.10	3. 4. 2	-	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	2.12. 3	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 8	3.18.10	3. 4. 7	-	
Shorn	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 3	2.14.10	3. 4. 8	2.18.10	2.16. 2	2. 3. 4	1.18. 9	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	4. 0. 5	3.15. 9	4. 6. 0	4.14. 3	3.18. 0	-	
Shorn	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9	2.19. 7	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 8	3.11. 8	2. 8. 0	2.10. 8	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8	34. 0. 1	34.19. 4	36. 6. 3	35.18. 9	38.14. 6	38.14. 4	
Heifers	-	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	-	36. 6. 6	40.16. 0	43.10.11	42.14.10	40.14.11	
Cows	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11	44. 0. 4	42. 6. 9	45.10. 5	42.10. 8	45.18. 7	43. 8. 8	
Steers	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4	47.11. 5	45.16. 2	54. 0.10	52. 5. 3	50. 3. 7	49.14. 7	
Bullocks	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-	-	-	63. 9. 3	56.16. 4	58.14. 7	52.12. 0	
PIGS														
Slips	-	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	-	-	-	3.15. 0	4.15. 6	6. 1. 3	
Porkers	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4	8. 4. 1	8. 3.11	8.17. 6	8.17.10	9. 9. 6	10.12. 7	
Baconers	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4	12. 0. 7	11.14. 1	12.18. 6	13.16. 2	14. 8.11	14.16.11	

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-	-	3. 5	3. 2	3. 3	3. 4	3. 4	3. 3
" Cocks	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	3. 4	3. 4	3. 1	3. 3	3. 3	3. 3	3. 2
Ducks	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1	1.10	1.10	1.11	2. 2	2. 3	2. 6
Drakes	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1	1.11	1.10	2. 0	2. 1	2. 3	2. 6
Geese	2. 2	-	-	2. 8	-	-	-	-	2. 0	1.10	-	1. 8	-
Cockerels	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 8	2. 6
Capons	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	3. 1	3. 0	3. 0	2.11	2.10	2. 8
Hens	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	2. 2	1.11	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0	2. 0

**RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE AND OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT OPERATIONS
OF RETAIL BUSINESSES AND NON-RETAIL FINANCE BUSINESSES**

(£'000)

Period	Amount Financed during period (excluding Hiring Charges, Interest and Insurance)				Balances Outstanding at end of Period (including Hiring Charges, etc.)
	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.	Plant and Machinery	Household and Personal Goods (a)	Total (All Goods)	
HIRE PURCHASE					
1956-57	9,362	827	4,645	14,834	18,141
1958-59 (b)	12,532	1,444	6,835	20,811	26,639
1959-60	15,386	1,736	9,819	26,941	34,792
1960-61	14,568	2,021	7,789	24,378	38,050
Quarters -					
1959 - December	4,129	797	2,581	7,507	30,853
1960 - March	3,723	306	2,594	6,623	31,908
June	4,182	330	2,873	7,385	34,792
September	4,297	418	2,036	6,751	36,963
December	4,278	898	2,133	7,309	40,264
1961 - March	2,898	354	1,720	4,972	38,344
June	3,095	351	1,900	5,346	38,050
September	3,151	380	1,664	5,195	37,459
December	3,520	1,041	1,971	6,532	38,598
1962 - March	3,815	595	1,421	5,831	36,917
OTHER INSTALMENT CREDIT (c)					
1956-57	20	17	2,289	2,326	1,005
1958-59 (b)	737	20	3,331	4,088	3,017
1959-60	1,887	32	4,311	6,230	4,232
1960-61	1,155	43	6,398	7,596	5,982
Quarters -					
1959 - December	631	13	1,264	1,908	3,484
1960 - March	560	5	912	1,477	3,834
June	316	8	1,234	1,558	4,232
September	281	12	1,826	2,119	4,957
December	411	14	2,078	2,503	5,946
1961 - March	248	7	1,086	1,341	5,585
June	215	10	1,408	1,633	5,982
September	223	14	1,507	1,744	6,358
December	240	11	1,614	1,865	7,006
1962 - March	352	11	1,445	1,808	7,435
T O T A L					
1956-57	9,382	844	6,934	17,160	19,146
1958-59 (b)	13,269	1,464	10,166	24,899	29,656
1959-60	17,273	1,768	14,130	33,171	39,024
1960-61	15,723	2,064	14,187	31,974	44,032
Quarters -					
1959 - December	4,760	810	3,845	9,415	34,337
1960 - March	4,283	311	3,506	8,100	35,742
June	4,498	338	4,107	8,943	39,024
September	4,578	430	3,862	8,870	41,920
December	4,689	912	4,211	9,812	46,210
1961 - March	3,146	361	2,806	6,313	43,929
June	3,310	361	3,308	6,979	44,032
September	3,374	394	3,171	6,939	43,817
December	3,760	1,052	3,585	8,397	45,604
1962 - March	4,167	606	2,866	7,639	44,352

- (a) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods.
- (b) Figures for the year ended 30th June, 1958 are not available.
- (c) Includes Time Payment, Budget Account, Personal Loan Schemes, etc. in which repayment is made by regular predetermined instalments.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware(b)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	32.6	12.4	22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.5	191.8	68.7
1961-62	35.1	12.9	23.5	21.1	29.0	5.1	13.0	14.2	8.4	7.1	5.4	24.7	199.5	75.1
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	3.2	5.5	4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	46.5	16.3
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	51.9	18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.0	3.1	6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.6	47.5	15.7
1962	8.4	3.1	6.2	5.9	6.2	1.1	3.1	3.4	2.0	1.7	1.4	6.7	49.2	19.4
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.3	3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.5	16.0
1962	8.7	3.3	5.7	4.8	7.5	1.4	3.2	3.2	2.1	1.8	1.3	7.1	50.1	20.9

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1962(a)	1961(a)	1962(a)	1961(a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	590	625	1,031	1,056
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	10,034	9,513	19,093	17,420
Fibrous Plaster - Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	159	123	296	243
" " - Acoustic Tiles	sq. yds.	2,120	1,769	3,398	3,296
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,885	2,353	5,296	4,210
Plaster of Paris	"	2,360	1,594	4,076	3,243
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	38,169	33,985	72,245	59,947
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	230	316	463	623
Timber, Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 super ft.	18,647	18,455	35,741	35,443
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	535	831	1,039	1,754
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	857	563	1,563	941
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,504	4,155	10,234	7,932
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	1,043	1,440	2,019	3,108
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	9,316	7,402	18,455	13,446
- Work	"	9,633	12,342	22,345	27,311
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	67,930	60,494	127,762	111,793
Slippers	"	12,595	10,842	23,989	20,521
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	281	235	465	385
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	15,375	13,413	26,014	18,868
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	698	468	1,362	1,052
Butter	"	1,947	2,395	3,602	4,527
Cheese	"	392	359	685	702
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton (2,000 lb.)	10,929	16,084	20,553	29,681
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	22	39	58	58
Sulphuric	"	18,144	14,279	32,944	26,196
Coal	"	77,243	87,683	165,423	163,097
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	103,587	93,935	209,278	187,842
Gas (Town) Produced	million cub. ft.	131	138	266	279
Mattresses - Soft Filled (d)	number	2,863	3,091	5,462	5,366
Pig Iron	ton	1,838	4,507	6,060	9,108
Superphosphate	"	51,376	41,998	90,630	72,570
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	2,477	2,121	4,630	4,173

(a) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.

(b) Standard size.

(c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super. feet.

(d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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